

## Your Weekly Stewardship

Adult Envelope	\$ 1,496.00
Donations Fiscal Year To Date	93,344.50
Budgeted Donations Fiscal Year To Date	100,313.00
Loose Plate	90.10
Children's Envelopes	11.00
Wednesday Coffee Cup	12.20
Catholic Magazine Envelope	20.00
Rice Bowl	144.30
Breaking Bread Free Will Offering	145.00

### 2020 Fish Fry Notes:

February 28 served 466. Free will donations at the Bar: \$126  
 March 6 served 479. Free will donation at the Bar: \$189.55  
 Cumulative expenses have not yet been received.

## Liturgical Ministers

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND 8:30 AM MASS	
USHERS	Jerry & Lois Rothstein
SERVER	Jane Simon
LECTOR	Volunteer needed
GIFT BEARERS	Marlin & Joyce Faber
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Joyce Abeln, Jerry Rothstein, And Dan Ortloff
RICE BOWL READER	Spencer Scholz
RICE BOWL BASKETS	Holly Hansen and Cece McNair
SACRISTAN	Brian Posch
MUSIC	Nathan Neuman

## Prayer Corner

Louise Bartlett, Julia Beckmann,  
 Paul Dukowitz, Gloria Ebacher,  
 Alvina Klocker, Karen Kroska,  
 Gen Ludowese, Mildred Notsch,  
 Hal Roske, Anthony Scholz,  
 Charlie & Nancy Wenner.

All who are lonely, grieving or estranged.  
 Military Men, Women and their families.  
 All the ill or suffering.

## Faith Formation Notes

### Rice Bowl Program After Communion:

(See Liturgical Ministry Schedule)

~~March 19~~ — Faith Formation & Liturgy Committee meeting at 5:45 PM in the Parish Center.

~~March 26~~ — Parish Reconciliation Service 6:30 pm

**April 5** — Adult Speaker: Susan Stabile, "A Spiritual Journey Through Buddhism Back to Christianity" She was raised Catholic, practiced Buddhism for 20 years, and then returned to Catholicism.

**April 18** — First Communion Workshop, 9-11:00

AM (Banners, bread making, practicing First Communion, Eucharist activities and crafts)

**April 19** — Catechist Recognition

Adult Speaker: Matt Reichert on Disengaged Young Catholics

**April 26** — First Communion at 8:30 AM Mass

*Please remember our First Communicants in your prayers: Adelyn Eiyneck, Griffin Loso, Jake Theisen, Noah Eizenschenk, Kyla Schrom, Tucker Burg & Lars Lyndgaard.*

**May 13--** Confirmation, 7:00 PM, St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph *Please remember our Confirmandi in your prayers: Jesse Greenwood, Logan Scholz, Ethan Schrom, Elizabeth Merdan, and Holly Hansen.*

## Calendar

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

8:30 AM Mass  
 9:30 AM Server Training following Mass

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 AM Mass  
 8:30 AM Breakfast  
~~9:00 AM Hope For Those Who Mourn~~  
~~11:00 AM Word & Communion Training at Heritage Hall in St. Joseph~~  
~~5:30 PM Soup and Speaker~~

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

~~5:45 PM Liturgy/Faith Formation Meeting~~  
~~6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting~~  
~~7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting~~

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

8:00 AM Mass, Benediction & Stations of the Cross

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:30 AM Mass

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

10:00 AM Women's Coffee & Conversation in Heritage Hall, St. Joseph

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 AM Mass  
 8:30 AM Breakfast  
 5:30 PM Soup and Speaker

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

~~6:30 PM Reconciliation~~

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

## Parish Happenings



### JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

We have been hosting "Breaking Bread" community meal after every Faith Formation class.

This meal is for **EVERYONE!**

**Serving at 10:45 am, a free will offering is collected at all community meals.**

**April 5th Menu:** Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Sausage Gravy, Crescent Rolls, Corn & Dessert.

### LENT SOUP & SPEAKER SERIES

Our Soup & Speaker Series continues on Wednesday evening, with 5:30 soup (& bread desserts) and speaker at the Parish Center. This Wednesday (March 18) Soup and Speaker is **CANCELLED.**

6:00 speaker at the Parish Center. This Wednesday (March 18) Paul Schurke, arctic explorer, wilderness program director and business owner, weaves stories from his various expeditions and experiences "up north" with ob-

### ALTAR SERVERS

NEW and current Server Training: March 15 after mass. This includes children (third grade on up) and any adults who would like to be trained. See Greg Hansen after mass.

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

We invite you to join in our celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Refreshments follow.



Mark your calendar and clear your clutter! Our Spring Rummage Sale will take place April 23 & 24. Donations will be accepted April 19, 20 & 21 from 1-7PM.

### How do the Numbers Compare?

Mass Attendance:	2019	2020
Week 4 of February	—	86
Week 1 of March	98	94
Week 2 of March	107	133



All children are welcome to stop by the table in the hallway to pick up your weekly Gospel puzzle sheet — **and don't forget to pick up a yellow children's envelope and write a good deed on it —**

**Father will collect them during the offertory.**

Some good deeds submitted on recent children's envelopes include:

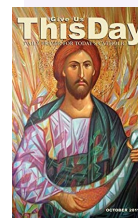
*"I cleaned up my puzzles."*  
*"I cleaned my bedroom."*

During the six Sundays of Lent, members of the Parish

Council will be summarizing portions of the book, *Start with Jesus*, during the homily. If you are interested in a copy of this book to read, please see Julie in the parish office. March 15th topic: Prayer. Speaker: Joyce Abeln.

### GIVE US THIS DAY DIGITAL COPY:

Concerns over the spread of the COVID-19 virus have left many parishes with the difficult decision to suspend liturgies. To support our community's prayer, Give Us This Day has made available at no charge a digital file of our periodical, which includes daily Mass texts. Visit GUTD.net and select "Digital" in the upper right of the screen. While it is not a replacement for community worship, we hope this resource will support you during this challenging time. Please share this resource with friends and family. May God keep us close through our common prayer. Give Us This Day



### CATHOLIC EDUCATION TUITION ASSISTANCE 2020-21:

Parents seeking tuition assistance for Catholic School education (elementary and secondary) 2020-21 school year, must submit a written notice to the parish office by April 1, 2020. This information is needed in order to budget for the coming year. Notifications received after April 1 cannot be accepted.

### HOPE FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

There is a grief support group which meets once a month here in the Parish Center for people like yourself who are experiencing grief. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 18th, at 9:00**

More on the next page...

### COMING SOON – COFFEE & CONVERSATION



This is an invitation to women from the Church of Saint Joseph and St. John Baptist Church to meet and enjoy Tuesday Morning Coffee and Conversation. This an opportunity for the women of our parishes to meet and enjoy sharing memories and thoughts related to our parishes. The first Coffee and Conversation is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 from 10:00-11:30am in Heritage Hall. Please bring your favorite family recipe and your favorite cookbook. Our conversation will center around family recipes. At this first gathering we will plan for future coffee and conversation discussion topics. If you are in need of a ride please contact Sister Betty at 363-7505 extension 130 or Marjorie Henkemeyer 363-4588.

The Catholic Foundation invites you to Breakfast with the Bishop April 29 from 8-9 a.m. at Gorecki Center in St. Joseph. This event includes a freewill offering which benefits the Catholic Schools Student Scholarship Fund. Headlining the event is Dominican Sister Mary Jo Sobieck, who gained fame in August 2018 when throwing out the ceremonial first pitch – a perfect strike – during a Chicago White Sox-Kansas City Royals game in Chicago. Sister Mary Jo, a native of Sauk Rapids, is a 1987 graduate of Cathedral High School and currently teaches theology at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago. If you would like to attend this free breakfast, please call 320-258-7656 to reserve a seat.

Give a gift to a good marriage or take an apathetic marriage to awesome! Plan to attend the April 25-26 Marriage Encounter! Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

### EASTER CHOIR



Please join Br. David Klingeman for Choir Rehearsal (Palm Sunday-Easter) on Wednesday, April 1st at 9:30 AM in the Parish Center. Feel free to join us for 8:00 AM Mass & Breakfast!

### COFFEE CAKE ORDERS

We are now taking orders for our Springtime Coffee Cake Sale! Order forms can be found on the bulletin board and website. Orders must be paid and submitted by April 19th. Cakes will be baked and ready for pick-up on May 1 or May 3. Thanks for your support!

### OPERATION RICE BOWL COLLECTIONS

During Lent our parish will participate in **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl**, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger – and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family. Each week, during the Communion reflection time, one of the faith formation students will read about the theme for the week involving three families in the countries of Honduras, Vietnam, and Kenya.



During this reading, Confirmation students will be passing the baskets to collect money for the Rice Bowl to assist Catholic Relief Services.

### DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS?

...of parish events in years past? The "parish archives" could use them! If so, would you be willing to lend them to be scanned? Please bring them to the parish office, or contact Peggy Roske, [proske@csbsju.edu](mailto:proske@csbsju.edu) or 363-8687.



Our bulletin advertising contracts have all expired, and we are in the process of publishing a joint bulletin with the Church of Saint Joseph very soon! If you would like to still support our parish through advertising – you may do so on our NEW Placemats (used at fundraising dinners, funeral luncheons, etc.). For information about Placemat advertising – please contact Julie in the parish office.

We want to thank ALL of our loyal bulletin advertisers/sponsors.

# BENEDICTINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST. JOSEPH PARISHES

MARCH 15, 2020  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Welcome



### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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### Our Mission

We are a progressive Catholic Benedictine Community encountering Christ through the celebration of Word and Sacrament, one another, nature, and our thirst to create a just world.